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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Chinese Office Action dated January 6, 2006, together with an English language translation of the same, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 031527000, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 4,786,790, together with patent family member Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-229541; and

Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1256599, together with patent family member European Patent Publication No. EP 1 001 570.


The relevance of each document, as ascertained by the Chinese Examiner applying Chinese rules to the Chinese claims, is as set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English Language Abstract of CN 1256599.

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